

ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC LAW NO. 11-29

H. B. NO. 11-89, SD1, HD4

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1998

AN ACT

To provide that all businesses in the Commonwealth advertise their business name in romanized lettering; and for other purposes.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE ELEVENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE:**

Section 1. Findings. The Legislature finds that many businesses in the Commonwealth presently advertise under names in lettering which is not comprehensible to most CNMI residents. The Legislature also finds that businesses should advertise under the name that they are officially listed under and licensed by in order for the Department of Commerce to more efficiently carry out its duty to regulate businesses.

Section 2. Amendment. 4 CMC § 5611 is amended by renumbering the existing subsections (f) through (h) as (g) through (i) and adding a new subsection (f) to read:

“(f) All businesses licensed under this section shall only do business under the name duly licensed and shall advertise this name in romanized lettering in addition to any other lettering.”

Section 3. Enforcement. 4 CMC § 5611(g)(1) is further amended by renumbering the existing subparagraph (iv) to read as (v) and adding a new subsection (iv) to read:

“(iv) The licensee violated subsection (f) of this section; or”

Section 4. Severability. If any Section of this Act should be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

CERTIFIED BY:

ATTESTED BY:

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House of Representatives

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Approved this 14th day of August, 1998

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